

REMARKS

Each independent claim has been amended to recite the feature of “filtering around the channels”. Basis for this amendment can be found on page 6, lines 16 - 17 of the PCT publication.

Reconsideration of the holding that the subject matter of the claims is obvious in view of the combined teachings of Caroli and Corio is respectfully requested.

Petition is hereby made for a two-month extension of the period to respond to the outstanding Official Action to December 15, 2009. Applicant has previously paid for a one-month extension. A check in the amount of \$360.00, the difference between the two-month and the one-month fee, as the Petition fee, accompanies this communication. If there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1145.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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